



# Piddle Valley CE First School

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**Trust** in each other, **Respect** one another,  
**Shine** for yourself!

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## Newsletter 20.03.2026

### Note from Mrs. Moore

Dear Families,

We had a lovely church service on Tuesday, where the children beautifully showcased their Easter reflections alongside some wonderful singing. It was a truly special occasion for everyone involved. Our Amazon Class also put on an amazing singing performance at Thomas Hardy's with Wessex Music, which made us all incredibly proud. This morning, Amazon Class parents were treated to a delightful dance performance—once again, the children were absolutely amazing!

Thank you to all parents who attended parents' evening. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher and see the fantastic work they have been producing. We are very grateful for your continued support. Looking ahead, we have some exciting events planned next week. Year 4 will be heading off to Hooke Court on Wednesday for a two-night residential filled with outdoor activities. Forest Class, along with Year 3, will be visiting a neighbouring

### Whole School News

**PE Days** - Thursday and Fridays

**Forest School** - Fridays

**Facebook:** Please follow our school Facebook page, **Piddle Valley CE First School**, where we will share regular pictures and updates.

**Easy Fundraising** - Please remember to keep supporting us via **Easyfundraising** every time you shop online. There are over 8,000 retailers that will donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it is completely FREE

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-fb1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/piddle-valley-ce-first-school/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1)

**Clothes recycling bank:** If you are having a clear out, please remember to use the clothes recycling bank in our school car park. The school will get a donation each time for the amount recycled.

**Reminder:** Please **DO NOT** send your child into school with anything containing nuts.

working farm where they will meet the new lambs and may even have the chance to bottle feed them!

To round off the week, Forest and Ocean Class will be performing their dance presentation for parents at 9:00am on Friday, and Ocean Class will also be enjoying their end-of-term party that afternoon. Finally, please keep up the fantastic effort with the readathon—donations are beginning to come in, so a big thank you for all the reading happening at home. We are nearly there—just one more week to go! Have a great weekend!

**Attendance:**

Overall school attendance for this week: **94.4%**

Preschool: **100%**

Reception: **95%**

Year 1: **96%**

Year 2: **88%**

Year 3: **95%**

Year 4: **100%**

**Literacy Reading Award**

Niamh

Iza

Sophia

Caleb

Elowen

**TT Rockstars**

Brian

Evie

Harry

**Class News and other bits**

**Forest Class**

It has been another busy week in Forest Class! It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening this week.

This week we have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly. In Drawing Club, we read *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, and we sequenced and labeled the different stages of life from egg to caterpillar to cocoon to butterfly.

This book also inspired some of our maths

Now that the weather is getting warmer, we are in the process of developing our outside play area. We are looking for donations for our Mud Kitchen of old pots and pans, kitchen utensils and plates, bowls and cups. Any donations would be greatly appreciated!

learning this week, where we made our own Hungry Caterpillars paper chains using repeated patterns. We each used 3 colours and decided on our own colour sequence for our repeated patterns, which made up the caterpillar's body.

We have spent lots of time outside this week. We had a go at creating a spring inspired observational sketch. We went outside to look at some of the daffodils that we grew in Forest Gardens. We talked about the colours and shapes that we could see. We then sketched the daffodils and painted them in watercolors.

Please do keep reading and adding comments to our online learning portal. Reception will be receiving an extra word pack this week with some additional words to read. Please do upload comments on how they get on with this to our reading platform.

Have a lovely weekend!





### Ocean Class

Ocean Class have had a busy week showing off what they know by working very hard during their assessments - well done!

We have been learning about a famous inventor called Tim Berners-Lee who invented the internet, and the children had lots of fun on a 'fact treasure hunt' to create a fact file about him whilst learning about the origins of the internet.

The time came to finally make our wedges and dips which was great fun; we learnt all about the danger of adding too much garlic - oops!

In Computing, we experimented with different light levels to see how photographs were affected and how we can improve our photography skills.





### Amazon Class

A great week this week for Amazon Class.

They have been extremely busy with the school concert this week and I am sure you will agree they were amazing!

They have also been doing end-of-term assessments which they seemed to have enjoyed.

We had parents evening, which was a great opportunity for me to tell you about how hard your children are working and their personal achievements.

This morning they also performed their dance to the whole school and the Year 3/ 4 parents, again showing their great skills and working together to perform.

I believe the year 4s are packed and ready to go to Hooke Court, and the year 3s will have an exciting few days next week starting off with a trip to the farm.



Enjoy Red Nose Day!

Have a great weekend and enjoy the sun!

### Dates for your Diary

Please keep an eye on this section each week. More key dates will be added as they arise.

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

EYFS & Yr 3 visit to a local farm.

#### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Year 4 to Hooke Court

#### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Dance presentation to Ocean and Forest Class  
parents 9.00am

#### **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

Easter Holidays

#### **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

Inset Day

#### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Bikeability for some of Amazon class.

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

Inset Day

#### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

Bank Holiday - School Closed

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

Fraser Photography - Class Photos

#### **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Summer Half Term

### Clubs for Spring Term 1

Breakfast and all After School Clubs are to be booked and paid for via Arbor.

Lunchtime clubs can be joined on the day by informing your teacher.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Open every day from 8.00am

#### **After School Club**

4.30/5.00/5.30pm pick up options

#### **Monday - Lego Club**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### **Tuesday - Cooking Club**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### **Wednesday - Arts and Crafts**

3.15-4.15pm - £3.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### **Thursday - Kick Boxing**

3.15-4.15pm - £8 per session  
(Payable via Kickstart Vitality)

#### **Friday - Forest School**

3.15-4.15pm - £4.50 per session  
(All sessions must be block booked)

#### Lunchtime Clubs

Monday - Shine Squad

Friday - Gardening Club

**School mobile number - 07510 653624**

(To be used for After School pick-ups if no answer)

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| <p>Friday 3rd July<br/>Whole School Trip - Longleat</p> | <p>on the office number)</p> |
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